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"THE 2012 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: COMPARING FOREIGN POLICY APPROACHES"

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ARTICLES & REPORTS

"Obama vs. Romney: Foreign Policy"

[James Kitfield](#). *National Journal*, May 17, 2012, 4 pages.

President Obama's foreign policy is designed for a world in which power is dispersed while Mitt Romney has embraced a Reaganesque policy of "peace through strength." The author, a senior correspondent at *National Journal*, examines the positions of Obama and Romney on foreign affairs, comparing their approaches to foreign policy.

Full text is currently available at: <http://goo.gl/CcT7g>

"Six Months to Go: Where the Presidential Contest Stands"

[William A. Galston](#). The Brookings, May 10, 2012, 27 pages.

What will political realities and challenges Obama and Romney face in the run-up to Election Day? The author, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, analyzes the political backdrop against which the 2012 general election will be waged, offering fuller context into voter attitudes, economic trends, and domestic and foreign policy issues which will shape the electoral outcome.

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Six Months To Go:
Where the Presidential Contest Stands
at the General Election

William A. Galston



"A New Phase of the 2012 Campaign"

Karlyn Bowman, et al. *American Enterprise Institute Political Report*, May 2012, 10 pages.

Does President Obama deserve reelection? The authors examine the new phase of 2012 campaign on domestic and foreign policy, personal qualities, favorability ratings and messages from a variety of angles

Full text is currently available at: <http://goo.gl/dJM97> [PDF format; 1.30MB]

"2012 Global Forecast: Risk, Opportunity, and the Next Administration"

[Craig Cohen](#) and Josiane Gabel, ed. Center for Strategic and International Studies, April 2012, 100 pages.

What are the big issues facing the United States that leaders from both Democrat and Republican parties are not sufficiently prepared to address during the 2012 presidential campaign? The authors examine the prospects after November's U.S. presidential and general elections: what will be the main risks and opportunities facing the next administration, whether a second Obama or the first Romney.

Full text is currently available at: <http://goo.gl/oUj5S> [PDF format; 5.80MB]



"The Romney Foreign-Policy Agenda"

[James Mann](#). *The American Prospect*, May 22, 2012, 8 pages.

The next president will face critical challenges, and whoever occupies the White House from 2013 to 2017 will preside over American policy at a critical time. The author-in-residence at Johns Hopkins's School of Advanced International Studies discusses Mitt Romney's team of foreign-policy advisers and how the team will shape his vision of America's role in the world.

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WEB RESOURCES

The Brookings Institution: Campaign 2012

<http://www.brookings.edu/about/projects/campaign-2012/>

The Brookings Institution is a private nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and innovative policy solutions. Brookings's Campaign 2012 project identifies and addresses the 12 most crucial policy challenges facing the next president in the months leading up to Election Day in November.

Council on Foreign Relations: Campaign 2012

<http://blogs.cfr.org/campaign-2012/>

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher. The CFR's campaign project examines the foreign policy dimensions of the 2012 U.S. presidential race, tracking candidates' positions and offering insight on the top issues.

Gallup: Election 2012

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx>

Gallup polls aim to represent the opinions of a sample of people representing the same opinions that would be obtained if it were possible to interview everyone in a given country. It has measured and tracked the public's attitudes concerning 2012 U.S. presidential election.

National Journal: Election 2012

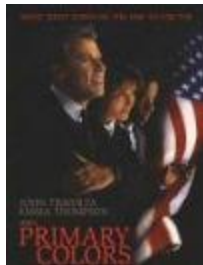
<http://www.nationaljournal.com/2012-election>

National Journal has been Washington's premier source of nonpartisan insight on politics and policy for more than four decades. It offers distinctive insight and comprehensive coverage on 2012 U.S. presidential campaign.

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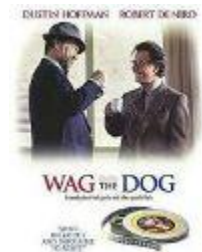
Primary - A political documentary of the 1960 Wisconsin Democratic presidential primary campaigns in which Senator John F. Kennedy upset Senator Hubert H. Humphrey.

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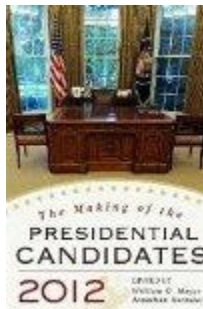
Recount - Explores one of the most dramatic and controversial events in recent U.S. election history, which shook a nation's faith in the ability to stage a fair and open election.

The West Wing - Ensemble drama series about the inner workings of the White House.

Wag the Dog - When the President is caught in a sex scandal less than 2 weeks before the election, 'Mr. Fix-it' decides they need a war to distract the public's attention and he calls on Hollywood's top producer to create it.



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The Road to the White House 2012 : The Politics of Presidential Elections

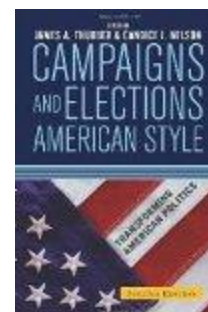
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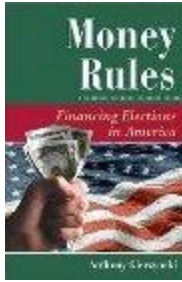
How Congress Gets Elected

Campaigns and Elections American Style

For Better or Worse? How Political Consultants are Changing Elections in the United States



Limits and Loopholes: The Quest for Money, Free Speech, and Fair Elections



Money Rules Financing Elections in America

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